

Human Relations Commission

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 6:15 P.M. Mayor and Council Conference Room, 1st Floor 255 W. Alameda Tucson, Arizona



Legal Action Report

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dalton at 6:24 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Manuel Guzman, Vice Chair Ward 1
John Dalton, Chair Ward 3
Rev. Raven Gaston Ward 4
Dr. June Webb-Vignery Ward 5
Maddy Urken Ward 6

Devon Henderson Advisory Member

Absent:

William Hibbs Mayor
Angelica Hibbs Ward 2
Jesse Segebartt GLBT

Jean Steve Mfuranizima Advisory Member Tamara Statman Advisory Member

Staff Members Present:

Cindy Leyba, Secretary City Clerk's Office

Guests Present:

Alishia Qadri University of Arizona

2. Approval of Summary Minutes: April 10, 2019

It was moved by Commissioner Dr. June Webb-Vignery, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioners William Hibbs, Angelica Hibbs and Jesse Segebartt, absent), to approve the April 10, 2019 Summary Minutes.

3. Call to the Audience

None

4. Presentation/Discussion with Consul General German Alvarez and Staff of the Consulate General of the Republic of El Salvador

Chair Dalton stated the Consul and staff would more than likely not be in attendance due to unforeseen circumstances.

This item has been continued to the next meeting.

5. Tucson Municipal I.D. for Residents

Chair Dalton stated this was an item the Consul General of the Republic of El Salvador wanted to discuss with HRC on how it would be beneficial in assisting Consulate staff when being called to assist with immigrants.

Discussion was held.

This item has been continued to the next meeting.

6. Gender and Diversity Report

Commissioner Guzman explained the previous process and how they should proceed in order to compile a report on equality in hiring in the Tucson Police and Fire Departments.

Discussion held.

This item has been continued without a date.

7. Update regarding Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues

Chair Dalton indicated the GLBT appointee, Commissioner Jesse Segebartt, had been oathed and was now an official voting member of the HRC. He relayed that Commissioner Segebartt would be out of state until October and had asked for an accommodation to retain his appointment with the HRC even though he will be missing four consecutive meetings. He is waiting to hear back from the Clerk's Office on what the decision would be from the Clerk.

Discussion held.

No action taken.

8. Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

a. Rosa Parks & Ray Davies Scholarship Funds

Discussion was held, no action taken.

b. Strategic Planning

Discussion was held, no action taken.

c. Diversity Report

Discussion was held, no action taken.

d. Human Rights Standards in Procurement

No report given.

9. Subcommittee Restructuring and Creation

Chair Dalton advised they would revisit this at a later time.

No action taken.

10. Summary of Current Events

Vice Chair Manuel Guzman reported the following:

News article on Desert View High School student detained by the Pima County Sheriff's Department and Border Patrol, Monday, May 6, 2019.

Pima County Board of Supervisors approved funding for Operation Stonegarden, Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Chair John Dalton reported on the following:

Attendance at Consular Corps of Arizona meeting, with the Mayor of Phoenix, Wednesday, April 17, 2019, in Phoenix. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, with the Maricopa County Sheriff.

Commissioner Dr. June Webb-Vignery reported on the following:

St. Francis in the Foothills held a meeting regarding GLBT issues within the Methodist Church, Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Commissioner Rev. Raven Gaston reported on the following:

First United Methodist Church held a GLBT panel, Sunday, May 5, 2019.

11. Vacancies & Advisory Positions

Chair John Dalton updated on vacancies with the commission; one advisory position is currently vacant, and Commissioner Angelica Hibbs would be submitting a letter of resignation this week opening up a vacancy for Ward 2. He also introduced Alicia Qadri who was in attendance and had applied for the vacant advisory position.

It was moved by Vice Chair Guzman, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioners William Hibbs, Angelica Hibbs, and Jesse Segebartt, absent), to appoint Alicia Qadri as an advisory member.

12. Special Recognition Requests

Chair Dalton reported on previously approved certificates that were handed out and requested the following:

Special recognition for the Arizona Consular Corps for their work with other Consulates and Agencies in order to better advocate for the people of their countries.

It was moved by Commissioner Dr. June Webb-Vignery, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioners William Hibbs, Angelica Hibbs and Jesse Segebartt, absent), to present the Arizona Consular Corps with a certificate of appreciation.

Commissioner Dr. June Webb-Vignery requested the following:

Special recognition for St. Francis in the Foothills for their work with migrants and refugees.

It was moved by Commissioner Rev. Raven Gaston, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioners William Hibbs, Angelica Hibbs and Jesse Segebartt, absent), to present St. Francis in the Foothills with a certificate of appreciation.

13. Future Agenda Items - Information Only

- Presentation/Discussion with Consul General German Alvarez and Staff of the Consulate General of the Republic of El Salvador
- Tucson Municipal I.D. for Residents
- GLBT Commission
- Immigrant Welcoming City Status

14. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.